## **EXHIBIT A**

A (co)polymer, exhibiting a stereochemistry and microstructure, as defined by tacticity and sequence distribution, of a polymer formed by a free radical polymerization process and displaying a molecular weight distribution of less than 2.0 and calculable number average molecular weight, having the formula:

> R<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>R<sup>13</sup>C-(M<sup>1</sup>)<sub>p</sub>-X,  $R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C_{-}(M^{1})_{p}-(M^{2})_{p}-X_{1}$  $R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C_{-}(M^{1})_{p}_{-}(M^{2})_{p}_{-}(M^{3})_{p}_{-}X$ , or  $R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C-(M^1)_{0}-(M^2)_{0}-(M^3)_{0}-...-(M^t)_{0}-X$

wherein X is selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br, I, OR10, SR14, SeR14, O- $N(R^{14})_2$ , S-C(=S) $N(R^{14})_2$ , H, OH, N<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, COOH and CONH<sub>2</sub> and groups that can be formed therefrom by conventional chemical processes, where

R<sup>10</sup> is an alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms in which each of the hydrogen atoms may be independently replaced by halide, R14 is aryl or a straight or branched C1-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl group, and where an N(R<sup>14</sup>)<sub>2</sub> group is present, the two R<sup>14</sup> groups may be joined to form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring.

 $\mathsf{R}^{11},\,\mathsf{R}^{12}$  and  $\mathsf{R}^{13}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, C(=Y)R<sup>5</sup>, C(=Y)NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, COCI, OH, CN, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>- $C_{20}$  alkynyl oxiranyl, glycidyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, aralkyl, aralkenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl in which from 1 to all of the hydrogen atoms are replaced with halogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C1-C4 alkoxy, aryl, heterocyclyl, C(=Y)R5, C(=Y)NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, oxiranyl and glycidyl,

where Y is NR8, S or O:

where R5 is an aryl or an alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkoxy of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, anyloxy or heterocyclyloxy; and R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently H or alkyl

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of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may be joined together to form an alkylene group of from 2 to 5 carbon atoms, thus forming a 3- to 6-membered ring, such that no more than two of  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  are H, and  $R^8$  is H, a straight or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl or aryl, and

M¹, M², M³,... up to M¹ are each monomer units derived from radically (co)polymerizable monomer selected such that the monomers units in adjacent blocks are not identical, and t is an integer greater than 3; p for each block is independently selected such that the number average molecular weight of each block is up to 250,000 g/mol;

the following formulas:

$$\begin{array}{c} X-(M^1)_p - (R^{12}R^{13}C) - (R^{11}) - (M^1)_p - X, \\ X-(M^2)_p - (M^1)_p - (R^{12}R^{13}C) - (R^{11}) - (M^1)_p - (M^2)_p - X, \\ X-(M^3)_p - (M^2)_p - (M^1)_p - (R^{12}R^{13}C) - (R^{11}) - (M^1)_p - (M^2)_p - (M^3)_p - X, \text{ or } \\ X-(M^1)_p - ... - (M^3)_p - (M^2)_p - (M^1)_p - (R^{12}R^{13}C) - (R^{11}) - (M^1)_p - (M^2)_p - (M^3)_p - ... - (M^1)_p - X, \end{array}$$

wherein R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, X, M<sup>1</sup>, M<sup>2</sup>, M<sup>3</sup>,... up to M<sup>t</sup>, t, and p are as defined above, with the provisio that R<sup>11</sup> has a polymer chain as indicated attached thereto;

of the formulas:

$$R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - (M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - (M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - ... - (M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X,$$

$$R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C - \{(M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - (M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - ... - (M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X\}_{z},$$

$$R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - (M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - (M^{3}-M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - ... - (M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X, \text{ or }$$

$$(R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C) - \{(M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - (M^{3}-M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - ... - (M^{v}-M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X\}_{z}$$

wherein z is from 2 to 6,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and X are as defined above, and where  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  are the same as  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  with the proviso that  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  combined have from 1 to 5 of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto and the C has only one of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto, P1-543833.1

 $M^1$ ,  $M^2$  and  $M^3$  are monomer units derived from different radically-(co)polymerizable monomers, and  $M^4$  is one of  $M^1$  or  $M^2$  or  $M^3$  and  $M^7$  is the third (co)monomer,

p for each block is independently selected such that the number average molecular weight of the copolymer is up to 1,000,000 g/mol; and,

(co)polymers of this topology comprising four or more comonomers, and of the formulas:

$$\begin{split} (R^{11} | R^{12} R^{13} C) - \{(M^1)_p - X\}_{z,} \\ (R^{11} | R^{12} R^{12} C) - \{(M^1)_p - (M^2)_p - X\}_{z,} \\ (R^{11} | R^{12} R^{13} C) - \{(M^1)_p - (M^2)_p - (M^3)_p - X\}_{z,} \text{ or} \\ (R^{11} | R^{12} R^{13} C) - \{(M^1)_p - (M^2)_p - (M^3)_p - \dots - (M^t)_p - X\}_{z} \end{split}$$

wherein z is from 3 to 6; R<sup>11¹</sup>, R<sup>12¹</sup> and R<sup>13¹</sup> are the same as R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> with the proviso that R<sup>11¹</sup>, R<sup>12¹</sup> and R<sup>13¹</sup> combined contain from 2 to 5 of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto and the C has only one of the polymer chains enclosed in square brackets attached thereto, where X is as defined above;

M1, M2, M3, ... M1, p, and t are as defined above; and

and copolymers comprising a block or graft with the above composition; and of the formula:

$$R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - (M_{s}^{1}M_{b}^{2}) - (M_{c}^{1}M_{d}^{2}) - (M_{e}^{1}M_{f}^{2}) - \dots - (M_{g}^{1}M_{h}^{2}) - (M_{i}^{1}M_{j}^{2}) - X, \text{ or }$$

$$R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - \{(M_{s}^{1}M_{b}^{2}) - (M_{c}^{1}M_{d}^{2}) - (M_{e}^{1}M_{f}^{2}) - \dots - (M_{g}^{1}M_{h}^{2}) - (M_{i}^{1}M_{j}^{2}) - X\}_{z}$$

where z is from 2 to 6, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> are as defined above, M<sup>1</sup> and M<sup>2</sup> are as defined above and where R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are the same as R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> with the proviso that R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> combined have from 1 to 5 of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto and the C has only one of the polymer chains enclosed in square brackets attached thereto, and

a, b, c, d, e, f,... up to i and j are non-negative numbers independently selected such that PI - 543833.1

a + b = c + d = 100, and any or all of (e + f), (g + h) and (i + j) = 100 or 0, wherein the a:b ratio is from 100:0 to 0:100, the c:d ratio is from 95:5 to 5:95, such that c < a and d > b, and where applicable, the e:f ratio is from 90:10 to 10:90, such that e < c and f > d, and the endpoints of the molar ratio ranges of first monomer to second monomer in successive blocks progressively decrease or increase by 5 such that the e:f ratio is from 5:95 to 95:5, such that  $e \neq c$  and  $f \neq d$ , and the i:j ratio is from 0:100 to 100:0, such that  $e \neq c$  and  $e \neq c$  and  $e \neq c$  and  $e \neq c$  and the i:j ratio is from 0:100 to 100:0, such that  $e \neq c$  and  $e \neq c$  and

65. (Amended) The (co)polymer of Claim 64, having a formula:

$$\begin{split} R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - (M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - (M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - \dots - (M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X, \\ (R^{11}'R^{12'}R^{13'}C) - \{(M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - (M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2})_{p} - \dots - (M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X\}_{z}, \\ R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - (M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - (M^{3}-M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - \dots - (M^{v}-M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X, \text{ or } \\ (R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C) - \{(M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - (M^{3}-M^{2}-M^{1})_{p} - (M^{1}-M^{2}-M^{3})_{p} - \dots - (M^{v}-M^{v}-M^{v})_{p} - X\}_{z} \\ \text{wherein z is 2 to 6:} \end{split}$$

wherein R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> and X are as previously defined, and where R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are the same as R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup>, with the proviso that R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> combined have from 1 to 5 of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto and the C has only one of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto;

M<sup>1</sup>, M<sup>2</sup> and M<sup>3</sup> are monomer units derived from different radically-polymerizable or copolymerizable monomers, and M<sup>u</sup> is one of M<sup>1</sup>, M<sup>2</sup> or M<sup>3</sup> and M<sup>v</sup> is another of M<sup>1</sup>, M<sup>2</sup> or M<sup>3</sup>, and M<sup>v</sup> is the third (co)monomer,

p for each block is independently selected such that the number average molecular weight of the copolymer is from 1,000 to 1,000,000 g/mol; and (co)polymers of this topology comprising four or more comonomers

66. The (co)polymer of Claim 64, having a formula:

 $(R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C)-\{(M^1)_{\rho}-X\}_2,$   $(R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C)-\{(M^1)_{\rho}-(M^2)_{\rho}-X\}_z,$   $(R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C)-\{(M^1)_{\rho}-(M^2)_{\rho}-(M^3)_{\rho}-X\}_z, \text{ or }$   $(R^{11'}R^{12'}R^{13'}C)-\{(M^1)_{\rho}-(M^2)_{\rho}-(M^3)_{\rho}-...-(M^t)_{\rho}-X\}_z$ 

where R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are the same as R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> as previously defined, with the proviso that R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> combined contain from 2 to 5 of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto and the C has only one of the polymer chains enclosed in brackets attached thereto, where X is as defined above;

M<sup>1</sup>, M<sup>2</sup>, M<sup>3</sup>, M<sup>t</sup>, p and t are as defined above.

z is from 3 to 6, and copolymers comprising a block or graft with the above composition.

The (co)polymer of Claim 64, having the formulae:

$$R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C - (M_{a}^{1}M_{b}^{2}) - (M_{c}^{1}M_{d}^{2}) - (M_{b}^{1}M_{f}^{2}) - \dots - (M_{g}^{1}M_{h}^{2}) - (M_{i}^{1}M_{j}^{2}) - X, \text{ or }$$

$$(R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}C) - \{(M_{b}^{1}M_{b}^{2}) - (M_{c}^{1}M_{d}^{2}) - (M_{e}^{1}M_{f}^{2}) - \dots - (M_{g}^{1}M_{h}^{2}) - (M_{i}^{1}M_{j}^{2}) - X\}_{z}$$

where R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, and X are as previously defined, and where R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are the same as R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> with the proviso that R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> combined have from 1 to 5 of the polymer chains enclosed in square brackets attached thereto and the C has only one of the polymer chains enclosed in square brackets attached thereto,

 $M^1$  and  $M^2$  are monomer units derived from different radically (co)polymerizable monomers, and a, b, c, d, e, f,... up to i and j are non-negative numbers independently selected such that a + b = c + d = 100, and any or all of (e + f), (g + h) and (i + j) = 100 or 0, wherein the PI-543833.1

a:b ratio is from 100:0 to 0:100, the c:d ratio is from 95:5 to 5:95, such that c < a and d > b, and where  $e \ne 0$  and  $f \ne 0$ , the e:f ratio is from 90:10 to 10:90, such that e < c and f > d, and the endpoints of the molar ratio ranges of first monomer to second monomer in successive blocks progressively decrease or increase by 5 such that the e:f ratio is from 5:95 to 95:5, such that  $e \ne c$  and  $e \ne d$ , and the i:j ratio is from 0:100 to 100:0, such that  $e \ne d$  and  $e \ne d$  and the i:j ratio is from 0:100 to 100:0, such that  $e \ne d$  and  $e \ne d$  and  $e \ne d$  and the i:j ratio is from 0:100 to 100:0, such that  $e \ne d$  and  $e \ne d$  and e